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As we seek to strengthen the enduring values of the family, it is appropriate that we honor our grandparents.

Grandparents are our continuing tie to the near-past, to the events and beliefs and experiences that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill some of the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions.

We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, and who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. Because they are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles join the National resolution (H.J. Res. 244) originated by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 and designate Sunday, September 10, 2006 and the first Sunday following Labor Day in each succeeding year as "Grandparents Day."

I Further urge officials of Government at all local levels, and of voluntary organizations to plan appropriate activities that recognize the importance and the worth of the grandparents in our County and I urge all Americans to take the time to honor their own grandparents or those in their community.

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